

REMARKS

By the present amendment, Claims 118-120 are newly entered. Claims 34-120 are pending in the present application. Claims 34, 35, 43, 44, 52, 53, 61, 62 and 118 are independent claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims are fully supported by the original disclosure, and introduce no new matter therewith. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Interview

1. Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the interview held December 7, 2005. The present response summarizes the substance of the interview. During the interview Applicant's representative discussed the Amendment filed November 25, 2005 and a proposed amendment. Applicant's representative presented arguments traversing the rejection of Claims 34-117 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and incomplete, the rejection of Claims 34-37, 42-46, 49, 50, 52-55, 58, 59, 61, 62, and 66-117 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kurowski (U.S. Patent No. US 6,553,127 B1), and the rejection of Claims 38-41, 47, 48, 51, 56, 57, 60, and 63-65 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurowski in view of Wong (U.S. Patent No. US 6,504,941 B2).

The Examiner agreed that the amendment filed November 25, 2005 overcame the § 112, second paragraph, rejection and the § 102(e) and § 103(a) rejections based on Kurowski, but said the November 25, 2005 Amendment would not be entered because it raised new issues. A formal agreement as to the patentability of the claims was withheld by the Examiner pending a further update search.

Added Claims

3. Newly added Claim 118 is similar to Claim 34 and is similarly allowable over Kurowski and/or Wong.

Claims 119 and 120 are allowable as being dependent from an allowable claim.

Previously Addressed Matters

4. The remaining matters set forth in the Office Action dated August 25, 2005 have been addressed in the Amendment filed November 25, 2005.

5. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

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